



The Tamkeen Times

The Qadr of Allah (sust)



Long time no see...!

Miss Me?

Assalamu alaykom! Welcome back to The Tamkeen Times! Lots has changed in Tamkeen since our last publication early this year. We've seen some new faces, the closing of two new halaqa series, and a fresh new energy has filled our vans and gatherings, alhamdulillah. Keep reading to update yourself on whats going on in Tamkeen, how it's changing, and explore the beautiful theme of Qadr of Allah. Check out our cool new theme too ;). We've been gone for about 6 or 7 months, but we're back now ~ check out what we've got in store!

Ready for this month?

This month, we want to talk about the qadr (قدر) (or divine decree) of Allah. The concept of qadr in Islam answers a lot of questions like "If Allah us good, why does He let bad things happen?". Qadr is one of the pillars of Iman for a reason. SubhanAllah, understanding and embracing this concept makes trusting in Allah with all matters much easier on you heart, and strengthens your Iman and sense of Taqwa. By leaving everything up to Allah and trusting in His divine planning for everything, our lives become much simpler and beautiful. Lets dive in!



October Updates

Alhamdulillah, Tamkeen's **"New Chapter"** officially began on Saturday the 17th (The third Saturday of October).

Since the beginning of the New Chapter planning that started early last month, we've been working towards creating what is referred to as "Tamkeen's New Chapter". Read our special feature to find out all about this (next page).

Regarding **quiz answers**, following the series of suspensions, we've seen a subtle decrease in the word count of answers, but all of those who remained unsuspended or were suspended and then allowed back did the quiz, and nobody dropped out yet walhamdolelah.

Article-wise, the introduction to the newest reteach was (finally) posted alhamdulillah. Make sure to go read and comment on it, we'll be following up with a discussion on it soon inshaAllah! We've also seen some new articles coming from the Wasbir Nafsak

Recently, a few new **Tamkeen Clubs** (boys only so far, girls coming soon...) have developed, including soccer, basketball, and my personal favorite: the fishing club. This club is led by one of the epic dads in the community, who comes out to the land with boys every Sunday to teach them how to kill and eat fish. We're currently fundraising with about 40% of our \$1000 goal. We highly suggest signing your boys up so they can learn these critical skills to bring home big fish for their families/future wives, and to teach their sons and other youth in the community some real skills! Please go donate to support Tamkeen's effort of making real men and buying fishing equipment, licenses, and supporting fishing trips for our fishermen! Check out the soccer & basketball clubs as well- they are fully admin-led and will feature exciting high-stakes competitions, lot's of calories burned, and lots of fun together for the Tamkeen boys. (Dont worry, girls, we'll have some clubs that are 6-7x better than the boys' ones soon inshaAllah!)



Quiz of the Month : Tamkeen's New Chapter

This month's **highlighted quiz** ties into our special feature. Many Tamkeeners expressed different views on the new changes, so to help clear up the reason why Sheikh truly felt this was the best step in Tamkeen, we held a Tamkeeners orientation on Saturday, October 11th, on the land. It was followed by a part two on Saturday, October 18th, when we began implementing our new halaqa format (as detailed in the special feature section on the previous page)

The responses to the new commitment chapter show a wide mix of emotions, ranging from thoughtful support to hesitant concern. Many Tamkeeners appreciated the clarity and accountability it brings, saying it helps define expectations and strengthen sincerity in service. Others felt unsure or nervous, worried it might feel restrictive or formalize something that used to feel more organic. A few responses hinted at confusion or surprise, suggesting that more discussion or explanation could help everyone understand the intent behind it. Overall, the tone was more reflective than resistant—most people seem open to the change, even if they're still processing what it means for their personal journey in Tamkeen. Although many Tamkeeners expressed less than excited opinions on our new curriculum-based model, the orientation we held the week after this quiz seems to have cleared much of that up. Overall, with more insight from sheikh and division leaders, many Tamkeeners have a much better understanding of how Tamkeen is changing, and inshaAllah as we ease into the new model, we will reap the benefits and discover that this was the best option to increase productivity and commitment to deen without decreasing in fun.

يَسْأَلُهُ مَنْ فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ هُوَ فِي شَآئٍ

All those in the heavens and the earth are dependent on Him. Day in and day out, He has something to bring about.

(55:29)



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Nonetheless, there was a lot of adjustments that happened to tamkeen, which is tamkeen upgrading to a curriculum based learning model. This happened after sheikh realised how useless tamkeeners really are when he checked the quiz answers and it was like 6-7 quiz answers in total, so he started warning tamkeeners that if they don't do the quiz there would be consequences such as suspensions.

During the halaqa on the week after the suspension was put in motion, sheikh starts talking about how disappointing this was for him and how these types of things most causes him to get depression, and then he starts mentioning how many people got suspended, and had their accounts deleted, and when I tell you it is HUGE, you better believe me, because EIGHT HUNDRED PEOPLE got their accounts deleted.

What This Means for Tamkeeners (AKA YOU) in summary:

1. You must be admitted before the quarter starts (unless given permission from sheikh)
2. To stay in, you must **answer the quiz** each week, read and write a comment on reflection articles, attend halaqahs and Tamkeen days (unless given permission)
3. Each Tamkeeners needs to be registered in the system (no registration means no attendance) - be sure to fill out waiver forms



Featured Story/Person

The story behind the miraculous birth of Isa (as) is interesting in this case. When Angel Jibreel (as) came to Maryam (as) and informed her that she would have a child.

Maryam (as) asked how she could have one while she remained chaste. Jibreel (as) replied "He replied, "So will it be! Your Lord says, 'It is easy for Me. And so will We make him a sign for humanity and a mercy from Us.' It is a matter 'already' decreed." Despite this being beyond what is humanely possible, Allah decreed for it to happen and this is easy for Him. Our feeble minds cannot really comprehend the fact that this can happen but subhanAllah, Allah is teaching us through this story that He has the ability to work with or without the means. When Allah (swt) decrees for a thing to happen, it will happen regardless if there is a means for a such a thing or not. His plan truly surpasses everything.



Featured Saturday: The Death of the prophet (saw)

In his final year, the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ knew his time was near. He told Mu'adh, "You may not meet me after this year," and that Ramadan, Jibreel reviewed the Qur'an with him twice—a sign his mission was ending. During his only Hajj, Allah revealed: "Today I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favor upon you." (5:3). Soon after came the last verse: "And fear a Day when you will return to Allah." (2:281).

At that Hajj, the Prophet ﷺ gave his Farewell Sermon to over a hundred thousand people. He said, "O people, listen carefully, for I may not be with you again." He declared all lives, property, and honor sacred, ended all interest (riba), and warned against injustice. He reminded Muslims that they are brothers and must hold to the Qur'an and Sunnah. He said all people are equal—Arab or non-Arab, white or black—only piety makes one superior. He urged kindness to women and told the crowd to pass on his message, saying, "O Allah, bear witness."

Afterward, he visited al-Baqi', prayed for the believers, and said he longed to meet those who would believe in him without seeing him. During his final illness, he stayed in 'Aisha's home and asked Abu Bakr to lead the prayer. On his last morning, he smiled at the companions praying, then lowered the curtain—it was the last time they saw him. Soon after, his soul returned to Allah. His final message to us: hold to the Qur'an and Sunnah, honor every life, treat others justly, and prepare for the meeting with Allah.





Qadr of Allah in Our Daily Lives

Qadr (Divine Decree) is one of the pillars of faith in Islam. Believing in it means trusting that everything—good or bad, easy or hard—happens by Allah's will, knowledge, and wisdom. Nothing escapes His plan. Every event in the universe, from the fall of a leaf to the beating of your heart, is written and known by Him long before it happens.

But belief in Qadr isn't just about fate—it's about trust. It teaches us that life isn't random, and our struggles aren't meaningless. When something good happens, we're grateful; when something painful happens, we're patient. Both are tests that bring us closer to Allah if we respond with the right heart.

Now, people often ask: "If Allah is good, why are bad things fated to happen?"

This question is deep, and the answer lies in understanding Allah's wisdom. What we see as "bad" might be part of a bigger good we can't yet see. Like medicine that tastes bitter but heals, or a storm that clears the air—Allah allows hardship not out of cruelty, but out of purpose.

Some pain wakes us up, softens our hearts, and pushes us to call upon Him. Some losses protect us from something worse.

And some suffering in this world earns eternal peace in the next. The Qur'an says:

"Perhaps you dislike something which is good for you, and like something which is bad for you. Allah knows, while you do not know." (2:216)

Allah is never unjust. He doesn't decree evil for evil's sake. Every test is measured with perfect balance—no one is wronged, and no pain goes unrewarded. Even our choices fit within His plan: we have free will to act, but what we choose is known and accounted for by Him.

So, Qadr isn't meant to make us feel powerless—it's meant to bring peace. It reminds us that nothing happens without meaning, that every moment is written by the One who loves us most, and that after hardship always comes ease.

To believe in Qadr is to say, with full heart and calm soul: "Whatever Allah has written for me will reach me. Whatever is not written will never harm me. And Allah's plan is always better than mine."

حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو بَكْرِ بْنُ أَبِي شَيْبَةَ، وَعَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ، قَالََا حَدَّثَنَا وَكِيعٌ، حَدَّثَنَا سُفْيَانُ الثَّوْرِيُّ، عَنْ زِيَادِ بْنِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ الْمَخْزُومِيِّ، عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَبَّادِ بْنِ جَعْفَرٍ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ جَاءَ مُشْرِكُو قُرَيْشٍ يَخَاصِمُونَ النَّبِيَّ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - فِي الْقَدَرِ فَتَنَزَّلَتْ هَذِهِ الْآيَةُ {يَوْمَ يُسْحَبُونَ فِي النَّارِ عَلَى وُجُوهِهِمْ ذُوقُوا مَسَّ سَقَرَ * إِنَّا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلَقْنَاهُ بِقَدَرٍ} .

It was narrated that Abu Hurairah said: "The idolators and Quraish came and disputed with the Prophet (ﷺ) concerning the Divine Decree. Then the following verse was revealed: 'The Day they will be dragged on their faces into the Fire (it will be said to them): "Taste you the touch of Hell!" Verily We have created all things with Qadar. (Divine Decree)'"



Featured Article

Tamkeen's Reflections



Amazed by the Creations of the Creation

By: Anonymous

About a couple of months ago, we visited the Tacoma Glass Museum and had a tour of their art exhibition. The tour guides were directing us all the way through. Their eyes were widened while looking at and explaining each piece. I'd look towards a piece of "art" and not think twice about it, but they would derive so much depth from what I thought was a shallow sculpture. It had me think, why would they be so deeply amazed by this?

They questioned out of deep curiosity and thought. How could a person design something so meticulous and captivating? As if what they had created was even worth such deep-rooted thought. I looked around the room, and all I saw were heads glued to the pieces, deeply infatuated by them.

"Amazed By The Creations Of The Creation" is one of the latest articles to be published on our website. Inspired by a Tamkeen trip to the Tacoma Glass Museum, the author reflects on how people can marvel at art made by humans while overlooking the greatness of Allah's creation that's all around them. People who have never deeply contemplated their own existence yet reflect on the simple art that is in front of them. The author makes an assertion that the creations of Allah are meant to make us deeply contemplate on the existence of Allah. They reference a story of Ibrahim (as) and its similarity in the way he sought for Allah through his observation of nature. All in all, this article sparked a new perspective in how the creations of Allah are not meant to be casted away but calling us to remember Allah through looking at them.

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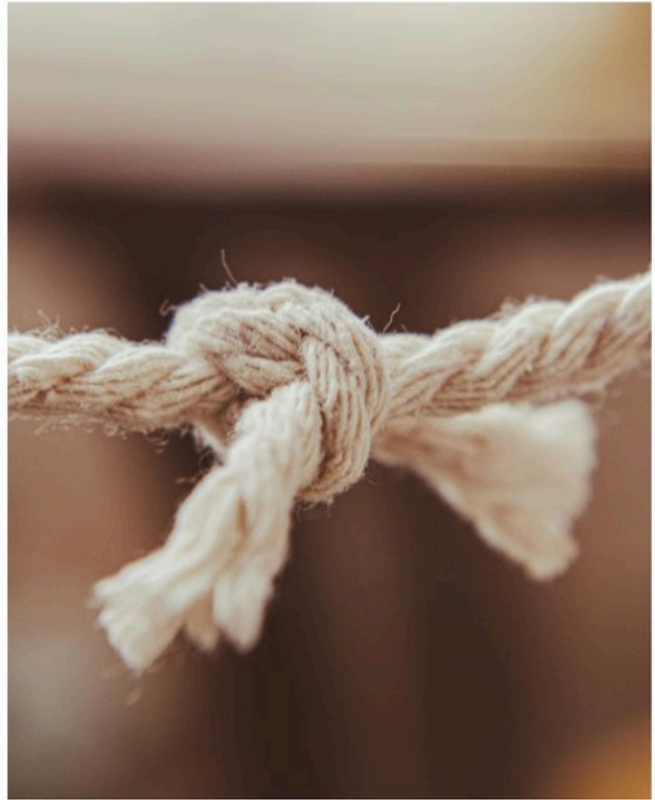
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That's all for now, JazakomAllahu khairan for reading! Did you like our "New Chapter" inspired theme, or think we made too many 6-7 jokes? Please share any feedback you have so we can continue to improve and make you laugh, smile, reflect, and say alhamduilah for tamkeen! Untill next time, assalamu alaykom!

